

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE FIRST YEAR

LIVING TOGETHER IN SCHOOL AND HOME

The social studies program for young children should provide purposeful experiences which broaden the child's concepts through developing an understanding of human relationships, establishing right habits and attitudes and developing certain skills and aesthetic appreciations. Through daily experiences of cooperative living, opportunities should arise for developing a growing responsibility for one's self as an individual and as a member of a group at home, at school and in the community.

Some Understandings To Be Developed:

- Each member of the group is responsible for his actions.
- The ability to cooperate and work effectively with others is necessary for satisfactory group living.
- Each member of the family or group is important to its way of life.
- The work of each person in the school and community is important.

Some Suggested Activities:

- making the classroom an attractive and happy place in which to live
- exploring all parts of the physical plant
- learning about services of all school workers
- caring for school property
- choosing and eating healthful foods
- cooking and serving foods
- learning to make and observe safety rules
- celebrating special holidays or occasions

LIVING TOGETHER AT SCHOOL

Knowing that much of the social growth of young children is stimulated by the environment in which they live, it is important from the beginning of school and throughout the year to create an atmosphere of social living. Children who leave